in the age group of 20-24 years have acquired skills through formal vocational training.

(c) and (d) In order to provide formal vocational training to the dropouts after 8th, 10th & 12th standards, it is estimated that the requirements of skill training may be to the extent of 200 lakh per year.

Employment generation in organised manufacturing sector

1057. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment growth rate in the organised manufacturing sector is showing a negative trend since 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the employment generation in the organised manufacturing sector during the period 1991-2001, year-wise; and

(c) the details of the employment generation in the organised manufacturing sector during the years 1980-90?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) Estimated employment and its annual growth rate in the organised manufacturing sector for the period 1980-2001 based on Employment Market Information Programme of Directorate General of Employment & Training is given in the Statement.

Statement

Employment in the organised manufacturing sector during 1980-2001

(In lakhs)

Year	Employment	Percentage change
1980	58.62	0.2
1981	60.47	3.1
1982	62.53	3.4
1983	62.89	0.6
1984	61.91	-1.6
1985	61.83	-0.1
1986	62.63	1.3

Year	Employment	Percentage change
1987	62.72	0.1
1988	62.61	-0.2
1989	62.45	-0.3
1990	63.27	1.3
1991	63.33	0.1
1992	64.27	1.5
1993	63.96	-0.5
1994	64.14	0.3
1995	66.21	3.2
1996	66.58	0.6
1997	71.29	7.1
1998	68.52	-3.9
1999	67.43	-1.6
2000	66.15	-1.9
2001	64.43	-2.6

New wage board for journalists

1058. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a new wage board for the employees of newspapers across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): The Manisana Wage Board has submitted its recommendations only in July, 2000 which have been accepted by the Government with minor modifications. Therefore, it may be too early to constitute next Wage Board for newspaper employees, working journalists, non-journalists workers in newspaper and news agencies.